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Renewables part of long-term plan

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Guest Writer

The Tennessee Valley Authority, or TVA, has released its integrated resource plan for the next 20 years.

The Associated Press said the plan, a "roadmap" of how the TVA will respond in good or bad economic times or during periods of stricter environmental regulation, offered that "no matter the scenario, TVA officials see the agency relying on natural gas and renewable energy, especially solar power."

"Natural gas is a win-win because it burns more efficiently than coal. This is certainly better for the environment as far as decreasing carbon dioxide output," said Dr. Stan Dunagan, UTM associate professor of Geology.

"There's a lot of guidelines to try to reduce coal use," Dunagan continued. "Unfortunately, a lot of TVA facilities are coal-burning plants, and could cost a lot of money to convert."

The Associated Press added that the plan, released March 9, has been hailed as an important first step by environmental groups, but these groups still say the TVA has not gone far enough. A coalition of environmental organizations are calling the plan a "missed opportunity" to help TVA consumers save energy, lower electricity bills and foster a clean-energy economy. The Associated Press also reported that the environmental groups said the TVA is beginning to embrace solar power, but criticized the draft plan for not having enough development of wind power.

The TVA's integrated resource plan follows the company's December 2014 Green Power Switch.

According to the TVA, Green Power Switch is "a simple way to support regional renewable energy." Each \$4 block of Green Power Switch you buy is added to your monthly electric bill and "ensures 150 kilowatt-hours of electricity is generated by a renewable resource such as wind, solar, or biomass."

Alternatively, TVA customers may elect to go completely green and get off the grid.

Dr. Doug Sterrett, a professor in the Department of Engineering, said, "For the price of a new car, anybody can take their home off the grid. The problem is, most people don't have \$40,000 to \$50,000 to just lay on the table, and they're hesitant to make that investment."

"What most people don't realize," Sterrett continued, "is that the investment pays for itself in eight years."

According to the Associated Press, the TVA will hold a series of public meetings on the integrated resource plan. A full chart of the meetings can be found at www.tva.gov/environment/reports/irp/index.htm. Upcoming meetings in Tennessee are planned for April 6 in Knoxville, April 15 in Memphis and April 21 in Nashville.

To read the full plan, go to www.tva.gov/environment/reports/irp/pdf/TVA-Draft-Integrated-Resource-Plan.pdf.

If you would like to submit comments on the plan, email them to IRP@tva.gov by April 27. All submitted comments become part of the plan record and will be available for public inspection, according to the TVA.

The TVA is the country's largest public utility and serves 9 million people in parts of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.



TVA



UTM students oppose live bulls in local saloon

Mark Maloney

Guest Writer

A relatively new addition to the Martin night life, Slide and Ride Saloon, made local headlines on St. Patrick's Day as it took the City of Martin to court fighting a recent denial for the venue to host live bull riding.

Though many elements must be taken into account for this particular debate, UTM students seem to be strongly against the notion.

In a survey of 33 students, 19 were either moderately

or strongly against the night club hosting such events. Of those 19, 17 went on to say that the presence of live bulls would negatively impact their likelihood of going.

"I feel like having live bulls in a bar is not sanitary, and the smell that will come from these bulls will definitely not make me want to go to Slide and Ride Saloon anymore," said Jacie Pride, a senior music major. "Coming from a more urban area, the smell of livestock is definitely not one that I think is appealing, and I would not want to be

around it."

Some other issues raised were the space that the venue has; they typically believed that the riding area could be better used as more dancing space. Others voiced concerns at the potential for injuries to patrons, feeling that the environment that Slide and Ride promotes is not one that should be accented with large animals, regardless of the additional security measures that have been promoted.

Although the majority of students surveyed were in

opposition, there were those in favor as well. A total of 9 were either moderately or extremely in favor of the idea. Almost double of that, 16 went on to say that their likelihood of going to Slide and Ride would either be higher or not at all impacted should the live bulls become a part of the bar. Several went on to say that they expected such events when the saloon first opened and liked the idea of the new crowd that it could potentially bring to Martin.

"When the place opened

up, I was under the impression that there would be amateur bull riding and was thoroughly disappointed to find out otherwise," said civil engineering freshman, Kyle Duncan.

Whatever the results of the dispute between Slide and Ride and the City of Martin, it seems that there are some distinct differences for the on-campus community. Based on this survey, there may be quite a few students looking for a new weekend hot spot if Slide and Ride wins its case.

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Viewpoints

EDITORIAL

Work is needed to achieve equity as people

The Pacer staff is a mix of male and female, black and white, older and younger, parents and non-parents, etc.

We take pride in our diversity of beliefs and backgrounds but we are even more proud of our ability to work together despite our differences to serve a bigger purpose — keeping our campus community informed of news as well as we can.

The key word here is "work." This isn't a "play" job and we don't get mad at each other about anything so silly as a label. We fuss about the amount of work or the lack thereof, and about others who expect

everything from us with little work on their part.

So, in honor of Women's History Month, we've chosen to comment on gender equity issues from the angle of work, not gender.

You can read our variety of columns on why pay equity and other gender issues are important. You can go online and see the trending ad campaigns to fight domestic violence and boost the confidence of young girls. These issues are hot topics and are getting a lot of press.

"Gender" implies division. Are we truly judging the work of men and women on an

equitable basis? Do we require more work from women because our definition of work has traditionally involved work outside the home rather than inside the home? Are we patronizing men when we "praise" them for working inside the home? After all, we didn't praise women for working inside the home. Why should men be any different?

Think "people," instead, a word that implies togetherness. People must work diligently to accomplish goals, sometimes together and sometimes separately. In other words, it's not about who does what —

it's about what gets done that benefits everyone.

Plus, we're seeing a growing number of women who apparently believe they can hit without being hit (no one should hit); who are afraid to do things on their own; and who expect others to take care of them, as though they are somehow entitled to it. In our view, it's those women who make these discussions tougher for all the strong women out there who work hard to take care of themselves and others, and who try to make a difference in the world.

Our call to action, then, for

women is to work for what you want and never expect others to just hand it to you because you're female. Our call to action for men is to become part of the discussion in a way that shows you really believe in equity.

Our overall message is that we're all people. We should be working to find solutions to the many problems we have in our country and world. We should all ditch the labels because they tear us apart, and we should embrace humanity, integrity, honor and respect as concepts we need to work on to bind us together.

Let's get to work, shall we?

COLUMN

The legacy of iconic Rosie the Riveter

Devon Roundtree

Guest Writer

When people think of Rosie the Riveter they immediately go back to the iconic image of the young woman bearing her bicep saying, "We Can Do It."

What people do not know is the story behind that image or the story of that woman. Many people don't even know the name of the actual woman pictured. Geraldine Doyle, better known as Rosie, had no idea the influence she had on women over so many decades. In fact, Doyle did not find out the image was of her until the 1980s, more than 30 years after the poster had been made. The photo was taken of Doyle when she was working in a factory, which was very uncommon at that time. She had a family of

five children, 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Doyle passed away at the age of 86 in 2010.

The powerful image represents female strength, feminism and working women. The poster first helped recruit women into the workforce during WWII.

The wartime propaganda was all about getting people to work. The main focus of this work was on white middle-class women. In this period, the female workforce grew by 6.5 million.

During the 1950s the role of the poster changed. They would use Rosie with images of homemakers and commercials regarding women's duties in the household. The idea was to get the women back into the home working to support their family in the home-life. That quickly changed.



Pacer Graphic/Jami Miller

Rosie's image went on to create an incredible impact on women's efforts all over the country. Rosie the Riveter High School was founded to allow training for young women to seek careers in trades like plumbing, welding and carpentry. This opened up positions in the non-traditional workplace for women. Other areas that were founded in Rosie's honor were places such as Rosie's Girls in Vermont, a welding camp for young women to learn the trade. There is also

a Rosie the Riveter National Park and Rosie the Riveter US Stamps. Celebrities and public figures are using the image to represent themselves today.

In the 1980s, Rosie the Riveter began to be used as the image for women's equality in the workplace. To this day, we are still fighting for that right. This image represents much more than just a woman. It represents the strong force that all women could be if allowed.

COLUMN

Martin provides plenty to do despite its size

Camille Hall

Staff Writer

The common misconception many new college students, visitors and new community members have is that there is nothing to do in Martin.

I once believed this myself. Martin is located in a rural community at least one hour away from any big city. This place can become a culture shock to those individuals from large cities with lots of events, activities and shopping. This is not to say that Martin has nothing to offer its students and community members. The city, university and community have a lot of activities to offer just in Martin, but people have to be willing and open to accepting this town as their own.

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Martin community. The 2015 rodeo is planned to be bigger and better than ever. After last year's national championship team, the hype and support is planned to continue.

The City of Martin also contributes to the event pool through the Tennessee Soybean Festival in September, which brings thousands of new and old visitors to Martin each year. The Soybean Festival provides

a doorway for UTM students to get a feel for the community around them. Besides the concerts, the Soybean Festival hosts children's events, 5Ks, luncheons, carnivals and much more. These events are just the tip of the iceberg in the grand scheme of events to occur in 2015.

In March alone, there were numerous community and city events to attend. Some of these events included the St. Patrick's Day parade, Pub Crawl, Garden Seminar, basketball games, Tennessee Freedom Exhibit, City Wide Cleanup, Igniting Innovation Event, Special Olympics 5k, UTM Volleyball Trivia Night, music recitals through the UTM Department of Music, City of Martin Easter Egg Hunt and the numerous outdoor activities that are available to the public through the Martin Parks and Recreation Department. These events are usually free

and created for the public. The Martin Business Association also provides a mobile app that includes business listing, coupons, community announcements and event listings. The app event calendar is filled with UTM events, city events and have then been separated by date of occurrence. The app links the community to the local businesses.

The notion that there is nothing to do in Martin is an false one. The Martin community is vibrant and open to students and visitors. The simple download of an app or a quick internet search can get you involved and informed of the world around you. Martin might not be the Nashville or Memphis of our dreams, but it is a safe, fun, inviting and unexpected place to explore and open our eyes to new possibilities.

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Viewpoints

COLUMN

Harriet Beecher Stowe: True women's history heroine

Jesse Kowalewski

Staff Writer

Throughout history, many women became standout characters known for their impact on the world.

Many of us have been taught the importance of these key women throughout time, so we better understand how their involvement shaped the world we know today. One particular woman was so ground breaking, passionate and one-of-a-kind that we should highlight her today.

Harriet Beecher Stowe is a name many will remember and some will think sounds very familiar. Do we really know why this particular woman changed our country? She was a writer and a strong advocate against slavery. Using her talents as a writer, her descriptions of the reality of slavery became the ammunition for Americans to step up and figure out

how to end it.

She is most known for her book *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. This depiction of slavery was so vivid because it described the human suffering of slavery that many Americans had never witnessed first hand. Because of the influence her book had on public opinion, we now know it was a key moment in abolishing slavery for good.

Stowe was an exceptional woman but she never thought of herself as a hero in any way. In fact, she claims that her role in life was never heroic, only necessary. Growing up in Connecticut to a strongly religious family, she was well-educated at an all-girls school. When she turned 21, she moved to Ohio and became involved in various literary circles. This is when she became concerned with social issues of the times.

Stowe met the love of her life, Calvin Ellis Stowe, and they were married on January 6, 1836. The couple became

committed to abolishing slavery and took part in the Underground Railroad, which temporarily housed fugitive slaves.

Stowe listened to the many stories from the slaves and gained a close hand knowledge of many details that needed to come to light. With all of these stories, she decided that it was her Christian duty to publish a book, hoping more people could become aware of these injustices.

In 1851, the National Era newspaper published the first installment of Uncle Tom's Cabin. By 1952, its popularity had led to its publication in book form. The book, selling over 300,000 copies in its first year, became a best-seller. Uncle Tom's Cabin was such a realistic account of slavery, it did not take long to create a following of people believing what Harriet Beecher Stowe knew all along. It popularized the anti-slavery movement in the North; however, it enraged the South and led to opposition of the book.

At this point, the country was on the brink of war.

In November of 1862, after the Civil War outbreak, President Abraham Lincoln asked Stowe if she would join him for a meeting at the White House. Lincoln wanted to personally thank Stowe for her dedication to abolishing slavery and admit that he himself was moved by her book. He always referred to Stowe as the "little woman who started the big war." Although slavery was opposed by many during this time, Stowe can definitely be recognized for her role in this change.

Learning from her courage still today, many of us should remember that believing in what is right may not always be the popular opinion but that cannot stop us from doing what we believe to be right.

COLUMN

Pat Head Summit's impact on UTM's women's history

Camille Hall

Staff Writer

The rise of Women's History Month has been building slowly for the past few decades. It began as a day of recognition and soon blossomed into a congressionally-appointed week and then a full month. Since the late eighties to early nineties, the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations have all used Congressional legislature to declare the month of March as Women's History Month. The 2015 Women's History Month theme is centered on weaving the stories of women's lives. Though the month is reaching its end there is still time to reflect on Women's History Month as it pertains to Martin and its University of Tennessee campus. It should be noted that numerous Tennessee women deserve to be mentioned and honored, but one woman in particular jumps into mind when thinking of UTM and women's history – Pat Head Summit.

Growing up in Tennessee, no matter your level of interest in college sports, you have heard her name. The City of Martin even proudly displays signs

marking UTM as her college home. In recent years, due to a diagnosis of early-onset dementia, Coach Summit has become more of background figure, but her iconic status and statistics still loom large in our state and across the country. As a student at UTM, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and a member of the school's most successful women's basketball team, the 1972-73 team which compiled a 22-3 record. After college, Pat continued on to achieve numerous coaching honors and awards.

Pat Summit has been a trailblazer for women in her field. She went beyond just raising the bar for women. Her talent and hard work have set higher standards and goals for all coaches, players and collegiate athletics.

The UTM campus has become an amazing place for young women to grow and achieve. There are a wide variety of clubs and organization centered on women and their success. The female sororities founded on the UTM campus in the 1960s gave many young women new opportunities. Today, female oriented clubs are available in all departments and avenues of college life. The UT Martin Women's Center



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is also available and works to provide educational programming on topics related to women's issues. The Women's Center also welcomes women and men and encourages connections between the campus and community at large.

Women's paths to equality has been a long and uneasy road. It has been less than 100 years since women were granted

suffrage. On a grand scale, college sports may not seem important, but it takes a person like Pat Head Summit to help all women reach higher levels of success and respect. The University of Tennessee at Martin has continued to be an open door for many female leaders who strive to learn from the amazing female leader, Pat Head Summit.

COLUMN

'Definition of feminism' now finally trending

Devon Rountree

Staff Writer

Many people today think that feminism is just women screaming, "Girl Power!"

They do not understand the meaning of feminism or the reason that women and men continue to fight for it.

Feminism is the advocacy of women's rights on the grounds of political, social and economic equality to men. Feminism is not only about equality but it also focuses on the beliefs, ideas, movements and agendas for action to be taken. Feminism focuses on both sides of the spectrum. It evaluates what the culture is like for women just because they are women and what culture is like for men just because they are men. This aspect is referred to as descriptive feminism as it describes the lives of both sexes. Feminism also focuses on the goals, ideas and visions that women have and what they must go through in order to reach those goals.

Most importantly, feminism refers to a movement, a movement of change that is run by individuals and groups that have the same ideas of making a difference in the lives of women and the world. Feminism focuses on changing the way the world thinks of women and values the importance of women instead of standing back and accepting it because that is just "the way the world is and must be." Women are much more capable of being just mothers and housewives. The role of the woman has changed dramatically over the decades but it is still evident that women are not as highly valued as men are.

Feminism focuses on different ideas and movements for women. It evaluates what is considered unfair and what is considered discrimination. It also researches the disadvantages that women still face today. There is a focus on whether the discrimination is more towards women of different races, classes and age groups. Today, there is an obvious need for this sort of group and work

to be done as we are even still fighting for equal pay and equal treatment in the workplace.

A feminist is a person who supports feminism and the movement. This could be a woman or a man. It is becoming more widely accepted to be open about the fight. This is not a movement that is easy to be a part of. In the real world, this is a tough calling and it takes strong individuals and believers to make a difference. Celebrities like Madonna, Anne Hathaway and Beyoncé, are proudly fighting the stance for feminism. They are not alone as Ashton Kutcher, Justin Timberlake and John Legend are a couple of men that are proud supporters of women's rights and equality.

In this judgmental world we live in today, most people do not see the need to stand up for such a movement as this and if they do, then they do not say anything about it. But if you believe that women should be treated equal to men in all cases, then you too are a feminist and believe in the feminism movement.

News

Women's Studies Symposium addresses critical topics

Devon Rountree

Guest Writer

The UTM Women's Center hosted its fourth Women's Studies Symposium and its fifth annual EqualTEA Tuesday, March 24.

The event's attendance has steadily grown, from 156 participants in the first year to 240 participants this year. There were 122 guests in attendance of the EqualTEA.

The day began with UTM's Dr. Victoria Seng as the keynote speaker. Dr. Seng spoke about the importance of Women's Health Screening based upon her own personal journey with breast cancer. The participants then broke off into two informational sessions.

The first breakout sessions included Interviewing and

Presenting Yourself Professional with Dr. Sue Byrd, Adopting Healthy Behaviors and Increasing the Likelihood they will Stick with Dr. Deborah Gibson, Creating a Democratic Community: Jane Addams and Hull House with Dr. Renee LaFleur and Look Who's Talking: Gender Interactions with Jenifer Hart. The second breakout sessions included Do You Hear What I Hear? A Discussion of Schizophrenia and other Psychotic Disorders with Dr. Julie Floyd, Point/Counter Point—Women's Issues with Sam Ray and AAUW Members, Wanna be the Top Candidate?: Marketing Yourself with Kiara Castleman and lastly Women's Self-defense: Don't Be Afraid to Fight Back with Charlie Jahr.

After the sessions, the Women's Center EqualTEA took place. This included a performance based on historical events around the ratification of the 19th Amendment period. The performance was by Pheobe "Febb" Emsinger Burn whose son played a vital role in the ratification of women's right to vote.

Dr. Teresa Collard, the Director of the UTM Women's Center, Coordinator of Women's Studies and faculty member in the Department of Communications, was very happy with the turn out from Tuesday's events.

"I was extremely pleased with the attendance at the UTM Women's Center's Women's Studies Symposium and EqualTEA," said Dr. Collard.



Dr. Teresa Collard addresses the crowd at the Women's Studies Symposium. | Pacer Photo/Maegan Jolley

"We had 240 students register for all or portions of the day. The speakers were excellent and the sessions were well attended. I feel that the Women's Studies

Symposium provides a great opportunity for the students, staff, faculty and community to explore women's issues," Dr. Collard said.

Leadership society becomes newest, largest student group

Toshya Leonard

NSLS Correspondent

The National Society of Leadership and Success is the latest and now, officially the largest student organization to be established at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

With 635 members, the honor society is looking to build leaders who will make a better world. The Greek honor society was founded in February 2015 by Habiba Soliman, a junior Communications major.

"Not everyone is a natural born leader, but one has the opportunity to learn this role," said Soliman. "The National Society of Leadership and Success is not here to nurture students, but to instead coach and help them realize and achieve their goals."

To start the UTM chapter, formal invitations were sent to the top 40% of UTM students, so roughly anyone with a 2.5 GPA or higher, including both Ripley and Parsons center students were invited as well. Besides GPA criteria, NSLS does require payment of a lifetime fee of only \$85.

The next steps involved in being inducted include orientation, where students are introduced to the steps of leadership development in the program and the schedule of events. Members must also attend Leadership Training Day, which includes watching a three-hour video-led leadership development session in which they identify their individual passions, purpose and steps towards achieving self-



The Executive Board of the UTM chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success. First row (left to right): Faculty adviser Ryan Martin, Jonathan Fisher, Chad Warden. Second row: Hunter Ralston, Toshya Leonard. Third row: Marilyn Mendoza, Habiba Soliman, Olivia Mayoza. | Pacer Photo/Katelyn Long

determined objectives. Three speaker broadcasts are mandatory, as well as Success Networking Teams (SNTs) in which students are divided into small groups and meet bi-weekly to set goals for future success.

The next and final step to becoming an NSLS member is induction, which will commemorate students' accomplishments within the society. Upon completion, members will receive a "swag bag" including a free t-shirt, bumper sticker and other small goodies and a certificate of completion.

NSLS offers an "Excellence Award" to all members who attend six speaker broadcasts and volunteer five hours of community service. Other benefits from the society include access to an online job bank and scholarships offered exclusively through

the national website. Currently, the UTM National Society of Leadership and Success boasts the largest Relay for Life team with 63 members and has already raised \$1,000 for cancer research.

"We are thrilled with the response and commitment our team has shown by us simply announcing to sign up for our relay team," said Hunter Ralston, Community Service Chair of the society. "We are at nearly 90% of our goal within two weeks, so we can't wait to see how much we can fundraise before April 17."

The National Society of Leadership and Success is established in more than 400 colleges across the country. For more information on the National Society of Leadership and Success, visit societyleadership.org.

Significant funding changes coming for UT system

Matt Wolf

Guest Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 26, the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees endorsed a plan that aims to increase revenue and allow the campuses and institutes to save costs. This plan, presented by UT System President Joe DiPietro, was created to assist efforts to change the university's business model and address a projected \$377 million funding gap over a 10-year period.

According to Tennessee.edu, the projected \$377 million gap is a large increase over the previously provided \$155 million gap. The gap is based on an average inflation of three percent, increases of static tuition, operating expenditures increased by the inflation rate, increases in salaries addressing a \$153 million gap over five years and deferred maintenance of \$25 million annually.

DiPietro first presented the need to address the business model in June 2014. The current business model uses an increasing tuition to cover the decline in budget. The plan's goal is to keep tuition increases as low as possible. "We are not insolvent or in financial ruin. The only way to preclude tuition increases is to fix it ourselves," said DiPietro. "It is about maintaining quality and moving ahead."

DiPietro's action plan includes:

- Program realignment and consolidation: campuses will address low-performing programs to fund program reinvestment and perform a feasibility analysis and develop a plan for program consolidations to save costs.

- Allocation and reallocation plans: set aside three percent of base year's total unrestricted E&G expenditures to address strategic initiatives, address deferred maintenance and identify cost savings from voluntary retirement and other workforce development options. Unfunded mandates for tuition waivers and discounts: the UT System Administration will study these discounts, estimated to be \$7.4 million annually system-wide.

- Tuition structure review: Options include expanding differential tuition, increase enrollment of out-of-state students and the 15-4 tuition plan.

- Non-formula fee structure: Non-formula units (Health Science Center, Institute for Public Service and Institute of Agriculture) will review whether outreach efforts are capturing actual cost of delivery and determine whether fees should be charged.

- Tenure and post-tenure review process: The UT System Administration, with involvement by the Faculty Council, will conduct a comprehensive review of the University's established tenure and post-tenure and post-tenure review process.

The board also approved a revised UTM faculty handbook that includes a five-point rating scale for Faculty Performance Reviews, non-tenure track faculty and workload, freedom as a citizen and a process to revise the handbook.

For more information about the meeting and supporting materials, go to www.tennessee.edu.

News

Alpha Phi Sigma hosts 'Plays for Strays' pet toy drive

Devon Rountree

Guest Writer

The Kappa Epsilon chapter of the national honor society of criminal justice, Alpha Phi Sigma, is conducting a fundraiser to help collect animal toys for the Red Fern Animal Shelter in Dresden, Tennessee.

After the organization's advisor, Dr. Donna Massey, was faced with dealing with a neglected dog, she and the organization decided to help make a change in the lives of animals. Dr. Massey found Brutus left in his former owners backyard. She began to bring him food and water, but the work became too much. She was then led to bring Brutus to the Red Fern Animal Shelter but because of the large number of animals in their care already, they couldn't take Brutus.

At this incredible shelter, there are over 80 dogs and over 100 cats. The shelter often receives donations for food or receives help through volunteer work but they rarely receive donations of toys. The animals there are cared for but are often left without any form of entertainment or play time, as there are a lot of animals to be tended to. This got Dr. Massey's attention, which led to her and the members of Alpha Phi Sigma deciding they could do something about it.

They have decided to do a pet toy drive to collect toys for the cats and dogs at the animal shelter. They are also accepting donations in the form of cash, which will be used to buy more toys. They see the need and desire for attention and excitement in all these animals. If they cannot give them all a forever home, they want to at least bring them some form of joy.

If you would like to donate to the 'Plays for Strays' toy drive, please contact Dr. Massey at dmassey@utm.edu or Mary Clayton at maraclay@utm.edu. There are also donation boxes located at local businesses such as A-Z Pet Supply, Hooks Vet Clinic, Rural King in Martin, Reelfoot Animal Clinic and PetSense in Union City. A donation box can also be found inside the Sociology Building at UTM.

Alpha Phi Sigma will be collecting donations until April 1. Please help support the local animal shelter and the animals inside.

Clinton, Gates foundations launch gender equality initiative

Lyndsey Hayslett

Managing Editor

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, her daughter and Clinton foundation vice chair Chelsea Clinton and Gates Foundation Co-Chair Melinda Gates have released the No Ceilings Full Participation Report and corresponding website NoCeilings.org.

This comes one year after the announcement of the No Ceilings: Full Participation Project and 20 years after the elder Clinton famously said, "women's rights are human rights" at the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing.

The purpose of the report is to show that while significant progress has been made in the years since Clinton's speech, women and girls are still not there yet. For this reason, the Clintons and Gates also teamed



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up with publications like *Vogue* and *Self* who on International Women's Day removed women from their covers and billboards to pose the question — why aren't women there? Celebrities Amy Poehler, Cameron Diaz, Sienna Miller, Padma Lakshmi and Jenny Slate also loaned their voices only for a PSA that highlighted gender inequality.

The actual report gathers 850,000 data points and addresses topics ranging

from paid maternity leave to female literacy to equal pay. The findings are quite sobering. Today, the United States is one of only nine countries, including Papua, New Guinea and Tonga that does not provide paid maternal leave. In India, 25.9 million girls are living as child brides. In developing countries, 200 million fewer women have access to the Internet than do men.

Women are still gaining the right to vote. This year marked the first time that women in Saudi Arabia were able to vote.

While there may seem to be all negatives there were some things to be hopeful about. Since 1995, mothers are 42% less likely to die of pregnancy related complications, and more women are graduating from college.

"Today, two decades later, it's clear: We are not there yet. We still have a lot of work to do," said secretary Clinton at the launch of the of the report on March 9 in New York City. "Gender equality is the great unfinished business of the 21st century," she said.

To view the No Ceilings Full Participation Report visit NoCeilings.org. To view the PSA visit noceilings.org.

Psychology Department sponsors Autism Awareness Week

Dr. Sherry Connell

Guest Writer

April is Autism Awareness Month. Autism is a complex and pervasive neurodevelopmental disorder which affects approximately one in 68 children. The disorder occurs five times more often in males than in females. There is a strong genetic component to the disorder but environmental factors also play a role.

The symptoms include delays in language, social communication, restrictive interests and repetitive behaviors. Symptoms may be present as early as a year of age and continue into adulthood.

Autism is called a spectrum disorder because there is a wide range of delays from mild to severe. There have always been students on college campuses

with autism but just how many is difficult to say because students diagnosed with autism do not have to disclose their diagnosis and some may not realize that special resources are available to them at the college level.

This spring semester, 33 UT Martin students enrolled in a Special Topics Course in Psychology on Autism. As part of the course, students worked in committees to develop activities for Autism Awareness Month.

The committee includes a library committee, a campus awareness committee and a community awareness committee. The students have organized efforts into a group called UT Martin Speaks.

Events for Autism Awareness Week include Weakley County Autism Awareness Proclamation designating April 2nd as Autism Awareness Day in Weakley County. Jake Bynum,

County Mayor will meet with class members on that day at the Weakley County Courthouse to issue the proclamation.

The Library committee is working with Mrs. Karen White to increase our library holdings on the subject of Autism.

You can expect to see new books, reference material and audiovisual media on Autism in the library next fall.

In addition, the library committee will set up a display on autism that will be housed in the library entryway the entire month of April.

On Thursday, April 9 the community committee will present Movie Night at 6:30 in Room 229 of the University Center where they will show *Extremely Loud* and *Incredibly Close*. This committee will also have a display in the University Center beginning March 30 through April 10.

The University committee will be selling UT Martin Speaks t-shirts beginning March 31. Cost of the t-shirt is \$15.

T-shirts will be available in the University Center. Proceeds from t-shirt sales will go to the Gary Brown Scholarship Fund here at UT Martin to benefit students who want to pursue graduate studies in the Behavioral Sciences.

The campus community is asked to wear their t-shirt on Wednesday April 8 in support of UT Martin Blue Out Day. By wearing the t-shirt we hope to increase awareness and support for Autism across the UT Martin Campus and larger Martin community. For more information on events, contact the instructor, Denise Connell at sconnel4@utm.edu or call 7540.

Nissan to add new facility to Smyrna plant

Jesse Kowaleski

Guest Writer

Tennesseans may be surprised to learn that the state is now considered the big dog of the automotive industry and is continuing to grow stronger.

In fact, *Business Facilities* has ranked Tennessee the No. 1 state in automotive manufacturing strength for four of the past five years. Nissan, one of the most powerful and innovative automotive manufacturers in the world, has contributed to Tennessee's status with its existing facility in Smyrna.

However, Nissan has now announced more big news for the Volunteer State, as it invests \$160 million in a state-of-the-art, 1.5 million-square-

foot integrated logistics center to be built next to its current manufacturing plant.

The plans are already underway, with completion estimated for the end of 2016 and 1,000 new jobs projected. Tennessee also has offered Nissan \$35 million in state incentives, which will abate Nissan's real property taxes over a 20-year period.

The existing factory already is one of the most successful Nissan manufacturing plants in the country, producing more than 650,000 automobiles every year.

Adding the new facility next door will make Rutherford County quite the heavy hitter in such a booming industry.

One particular U.S. senator, Republican Lamar Alexander,

has been instrumental in the state's successful automotive progress. Alexander has fought ardently for Tennessee to move ahead in the manufacturing game and also become electric-car minded.

In 2011, Alexander established a personal relationship with Nissan when he became one of the first Tennesseans to purchase a brand-new Nissan Leaf. In a statement made to the *Tennessean* newspaper in Nashville, he strongly suggested that Americans start considering the purchase of electric automobiles.

"If enough Americans bought electric cars and trucks, that would be the single best way to reduce our dependence on foreign oil," Alexander said.

Bringing Nissan to Tennessee was a no-brainer decision for the state, Alexander said.

"Nearly 30 years ago, there were almost no auto jobs in Tennessee. But thanks to our right-to-work law, our central location, Tennessee's strong work force and our first-rate four-lane highway system, nearly one-third of our manufacturing jobs are now auto related."

"I congratulate Nissan and its Smyrna work force for this great news," Alexander said in a statement released this week.

Information has not been released about what types of vehicles the new plant might be producing, or if the plant will be geared toward making more electronic vehicles.

Arts & Entertainment

'Unsolved Crimson Chronicles' brings out new faces

Jeremy Smith

A&E Editor

Each spring semester, greek weeks offer each organization a chance to "own" the yard for a week.

This week belongs to the oldest established NPHC organization at UTM, the Eta Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., chartered May 6, 1970.

This year's Delta week theme is "Unsolved Crimson Chronicles."

The week consists of scholastic, social, entertainment and traditional events with the theme incorporated throughout.

"I'm very excited to present our hard work. This week is not for us but for the campus. I hope everyone enjoys it and hopefully learns something from it," said Chasity Watson, a junior Biology major and president of the Eta Xi chapter.

Throughout the week, students can view displays presented by the Deltas located in the University Center. All of the events are posted in the display with many visual aesthetics centered around the theme.

Events such as "Dangerous Minds" scholastic salute, "Plead the Fifth," a scenario game, and last night's Mr. Crimson and Cream Pageant have been successful with positive campus participation.

"So far, Delta week is going very well. The campus is getting involved and as the week progresses I see new faces who are giving positive feedback," said Kendall Ford, a junior Biology major and member of the Eta Xi chapter.

Tonight's event is "Killing the Runway," a fashion show to be held in the old bookstore space in the UC at 7:13 p.m. Students will have opportunities to observe designs crafted and modeled by UTM students.

Tomorrow, March 27 is "The Great Escape" yard show at 5:13 p.m. on the UC patio and "Presenting the Evidence" at the DST Awards in Watkins Auditorium at 7:13 p.m.

Saturday, the Redz are having a free cookout for the campus, starting at 1:13 p.m. at Pacer Pond.

For more information about "Unsolved Crimson Chronicles," visit the chapter's Instagram or Twitter, @ETAXI_REDZ.

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Sigma Gamma Rho welcomes 'Rhoyal P.R.E.V.A.I.L.'

Brianna Woods

Assistant A&E Editor



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The Kappa Gamma chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. had its Spring 2015 Neophyte showcase presentation last Saturday at Watkins Auditorium in the University Center.

Members of the chapter and other members of the organization were proud to welcome Rhoyal P.R.E.V.A.I.L. to the beginning of a lifelong sisterhood.

The event was filled with family and friends of the new initiates, other NPHC organizations and the rest of the campus.

Neophyte presentations are common among the National Pan Hellenic Council organizations to present the newest members of the organization to the campus.

The neophyte presentation show opened with what is known as a "death march." This is when initiates march from one location to where the presentation

will be held while singing organization hymns and chants.

The showcase lasted about 45 minutes and consisted of stepping, recitation of organization and chapter history, greetings and recitation of poems.

The Kappa Gamma chapter was chartered at UTM on Oct. 5, 1986, and has been promoting "Greater Service, Greater Progress" since then.

The new initiates, or neophytes, are junior Psychology major Charkesski Transou and sophomore Animal Science major Isabel Johnson-Bann.

Spring 2013 initiate of the Kappa Gamma chapter Laniya Thomas was the dean of pledges for the two new initiates.

"Kappa Gamma is excited to include these two greater women in our sisterhood: Courageous Blue (Char) and Golden Flare (Isabel)," Thomas said.

For more information on upcoming events for the Kappa Gamma chapter, follow their social media accounts, @kappagammarsrho.

Team 'Kontroversy' wins 'Shimmy like a Nupe' 2015

Amber Sherman

Staff Writer

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity ended Kappa week with its event "Shimmy like a Nupe."

The theme for the week was "The Mob Fathers."

"Shimmy Like A Nupe" is an annual event held by Kappas nationwide.

In this competition, women imitate popular Kappa Alpha Psi line dance signatures,

"shimmying" and also performing to popular songs.

Members of the fraternity also perform, as well.

This year's "Shimmy Like A Nupe" had two teams, "The Captivating Krew" coached by Kendall White and Team "Kontroversy" coached by Robert Norment.

There were three categories for the event: the Fast Stroll, Slow Stroll and the "Can't Stop This Pimpin'" stroll.

"Can't Stop This Pimpin'" is

a popular stroll song for the Kappas. This category was judged on who strolled the best to the classic song.

The winners of the event were team "Kontroversy."

"It was a good event. Both teams did great. It was close. I'm glad every one had a good time," said White, a senior double major in Management and Marketing.

This is the second time the Zeta Kappa chapter of UTM has held this event.

The Zeta Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, or the "Untouchable 'ZK Mob'" as they are most commonly known, was founded April 15, 1971. The host for the event was Norment.

During the competition the teams danced to popular songs such as "Crew Love" by The Weekend and "Dance for You" by Ciara.

The judges for the event were Kappa Alpha Psi alumni Willie Robertson, Jarvis

Perry and Bryce Holmes.

"I want to first thank the teams and the audience for coming out and supporting us. It is greatly appreciated and I hope everyone had a great time. Shoutout to my team 'Kontroversy' for winning," said Norment, president of Kappa Alpha Psi, Zeta Kappa Chapter, and a senior Criminal Justice major.

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Sports

CollegeInsider.com Tournament

Skyhawks hit game-winner to advance to the CIT Final Four

Jared Peckenpaugh

Sports Editor

The Skyhawk men's basketball team will advance to the Final Four of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament after a game-winning shot to defeat fellow Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Kentucky, 70-69.

The Skyhawks (21-12) advanced to this stage of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament after road wins over Northwestern State and USC Upstate in the first and second rounds of the tournament. The Colonels (21-12) came into the matchup having already notched a 66-58 win over the Skyhawks at Skyhawk Arena back during the regular season.

"To come in here for our third game in a row on the road and play against a really good team – we just made one more play," said UTM head coach Heath Schroyer. "We're a gutty group that believe in each other. It's unbelievable. I told our team that very few people get a chance to be in the Final Four of any national tournament and

we're there so let's see where they take us next."

UTM took the first big lead of the game after going on a 14-3 run until the midway point in the first half. The Skyhawks would eventually extend their lead to 15 with less than eight minutes remaining. EKU spent the remainder of the first half cutting into UTM's lead. The Colonels managed to trim the Skyhawk's lead to six going into the locker room at halftime.

The Skyhawks finished the first half shooting 61 percent and out rebounded the Colonels 22-8. Despite EKU only shooting 37 percent, nine turnovers and 13 points off turnovers kept the Colonels in the game.

Eastern Kentucky's proficient 3-point shooting helped the Colonels cut into and eventually take the lead from the Skyhawks. However, the Colonels could not put together a large enough run to extend their lead. Seeing this, UTM fought back-and-forth for a majority of the second half before retaking the lead with just over four minutes remaining.

Eastern Kentucky would

answer back by hitting a few key baskets and 3-pointers that gave the Colonels a four point lead with 1:24 remaining in the game. After a layup by UTM's Javier Martinez and a defensive stop, the Skyhawks found themselves with the ball down by one point with six seconds remaining.

That's when senior guard Marshun Newell inbounded the ball to Chandler Rowe, who passed it back to Newell, setting up the game-winning 3-pointer with 3.3 seconds remaining. The Skyhawks were able to escape McBrayer Arena with the 70-69 win.

"We really gave Marshun four different reads on the inbounds play and the fourth one was to throw it in and pop back behind it," said Schroyer. "He went through all of his reads and it's something we worked on in practice about six weeks ago and luckily we had some time and a timeout to do it. It was great execution and it was a great win."

The Skyhawks finished the game shooting 50 percent (27-54) and 9-21 from 3-point



range. Eastern Kentucky shot 45 percent (26-58) and had success from 3-point range, hitting 15-39 (39 percent). UTM won the battle on the glass, out-rebounding the Colonels 43-19. However, EKU's defense got the better of the Skyhawks, forcing 17 UTM turnovers compared to their seven.

Junior forward Twymond Howard led UTM in scoring, tallying 23 points along with

seven rebounds. Corey Walden was EKU's leading scorer with 21 points and seven rebounds.

With the win, the Skyhawks will advance to the Final Four of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. Their opponent will be announced shortly after all other CIT games have ended. Stay tuned to thepacer.net and the Pacer Sports twitter page for updates on who the Skyhawk's next opponent will be.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

6 p.m. Friday, March 27 - Belmont
3 p.m. Saturday, March 28 - Belmont
1 p.m. Sunday, March 29 - Belmont
6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 - Evansville
5 p.m. Thursday, April 2 - at Eastern Kentucky
3 p.m. Friday, April 3 - at Eastern Kentucky
Noon Saturday, April 4 - at Eastern Kentucky
6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 - at Evansville
6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 - Bethel

Softball

1 p.m. Saturday, March 28 - Austin Peay
3 p.m. Saturday, March 28 - Austin Peay
1 p.m. Sunday, March 29 - Austin Peay
5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 - at Ole Miss
Noon Friday, April 3 - at Belmont
2 p.m. Friday, April 3 - at Belmont
1 p.m. Saturday, April 4 - at Tennessee State
3 p.m. Saturday, April 4 - at Tennessee State
3 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 - at Saint Louis

Track

Saturday, March 28 - Vanderbilt Invite
Friday, April 3 - Saturday, Apr. 4 - Joey Haines Invitational

Golf

Saturday, March 28 - UALR/First Tee Classic
Thursday, April 2 - Red Wolves Classic

Rodeo

East Mississippi Community College
Thursday, March 26 - Saturday, March 28

Women's Tennis

1 p.m. Friday, March 27 - Eastern Illinois
2 p.m. Saturday, March 28 - SIUE
2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 - Tennessee State
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Most Famous April Fool's Day Pranks

1957

The BBC reports that growing your own spaghetti has flourished in Switzerland. Callers are encouraged to place a sprig of spaghetti in a can of tomato sauce in order to grow their own.

1972

The Flamingo Park Zoo of Yorkshire releases a photo claiming to have found the Loch Ness Monster. It was later found out it was a seal in water after they had shaved its whiskers.

1980

The BBC reports that Big Ben's clock face will become digital in an attempt to modernize.

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April Fool's Day prank provides epic memory

Jesse Kowalewski

Guest Writer

April 1 of every year becomes a day of mischievous behavior, pranks, hoaxes and trickery.

I imagine many of us have had dreams of pulling the ultimate prank. When I was in high school, I felt it was my duty as class president to perform the greatest class prank in my school's history. With only a month and a half of school left, what did we have to lose? Right?

The day before April Fool's Day, our work began. We had successfully plotted to leave our teacher's classroom door propped open when leaving school earlier that day. Now that I think about it, plan B was breaking in a window, and in retrospect, I am really glad it didn't come to that. I mean, that is just straight-up criminal.

So anyway, a door was propped open and we sneaked inside the school. The school was so dark and quiet, completely opposite of a normal school day. I think this is the moment all of us felt the rush of adrenaline. Hundreds of Dixie cups were loaded on our backs. Using the

bathrooms and water fountains, we worked like a well-oiled machine, filling the small cups halfway with water and neatly lining them one by one in the hallway.

As we finished, we took one last glance at our achievement. And, yes, what an achievement it was. Hundreds of small Dixie cups filled the school's halls, all the way to the lobby. There was no floor space to be seen. Every inch was covered with cups. It was absolutely EPIC.

The next morning was the only time in my high school career that I was actually excited to get to school.

I will spare the lame details about how he [our teacher] figured out it was us and we spent a long morning cleaning up our prank while getting yelled at by our teachers and coaches. That is not what's important anyway. What is important is that our class will forever have that memory.

On this April Fool's Day, I invite my fellow students to enjoy it. Make someone laugh. There are thousands of harmless pranks online, so have some fun. But watch your backs!

Editorial Board April Fool's Confessions

"I enjoy a good April Fool's joke but not when I'm the one being tricked. I remember one year I called my sister Taushara and told her I was pregnant and there was a long silence on the phone and then she said, 'Oh lord!' I said, 'I even know what it is, it's an April Fool's.' Well, she hung up on me."

Ashley Marshall, Executive Editor

"It's been a long time since I've been into April Fool's pranking, but I remember one year when I was young my brother and I put folded-up hot sauce packets underneath the nubs that are on the bottom of a toilet seat. Our dad was the unlucky recipient of hot sauce all over the back of his knees. My brother and I had to clean the toilets for a month."

Matthew Cullen, Webmaster, Co-Executive Editor

"I haven't done an April Fool's prank in quite a while, but I do remember one year when I looked through the phone book and found a random name. I told the person that their name had been drawn to win a free toaster from the local supermarket. I pretended to take down some information and told them to go immediately to the store's customer service desk to claim their prize."

Lyndsey Hayslett, Managing Editor

"I never really got into April Fool's Day much, but I did prank my mother once. I was 16, and I told her that my girlfriend was pregnant. She was absolutely distraught, of course, so I told her we already knew the due date ... April 1. She didn't know whether to be angry or just laugh."

Chance Farmer, Co-News Editor

"When I was a senior in high school, I put out a lengthy Facebook post saying that instead of going to college the next year, I would be taking a year off to go on a backpacking trip across Eastern Europe. Nobody fell for it, unfortunately."

Justin Glover, Co-News Editor

"Well, I actually forgot about April Fool's Day until someone pranks me."

Jeremy Smith, Arts & Entertainment Editor

"I can never think of anything clever, except when I was younger I would tell my parents I'm running away."

Jared Peckenpaugh, Sports Editor